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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY CLOSED MEETING REPORT of the DEFENSE POLICY BOARD

Under Section 10 (d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

The Defense Policy Board met on December 13 and 14, 2022 at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. The objective of the meeting DPB was to receive briefings and deliberate on DoD's current role, processes, capabilities, and organizational constructs for planning and conducting information operations, military information support operations, and psychological operations in an era of expanding strategic competition. Additionally they will address how emerging technology and the continuing evolution of social media platforms affect operations in the information environment. The Secretary of Defense and the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy addressed the DPB, and received classified intelligence briefings and classified briefings from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, U.S. Cyber Command, U.S. Special Operations Command, and U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Additionally, Joint Staff will lead a classified scenario-based information operations discussion. The meeting was closed to the public pursuant to the provision of Section 552(b)(c)(1), Title 5, United States Code. The determination was based on the consideration that the discussion involved government classified information.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members

- 1. The Honorable Janine A. Davidson, PhD., Chair
- 2. Colonel Herman E. Bulls, U.S. Army Reserves (Ret.)
- 3. Dr. Victor D. Cha, PhD.
- 4. The Honorable Thomas E. Donilon, J.D.
- 5. Ambassador Eric S. Edelman
- 6. The Honorable Michèle A. Flournoy
- 7. Mr. Richard H. Fontaine, Jr.
- 8. Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
- 9. General John "Jack" Keane, U.S. Army (Ret.)
- 10. Dr. Henry Kissinger, PhD
- 11. Ms. Anja L. Manuel, J.D.
- 12. Dr. Michael O'Hanlon, PhD.
- 13. Mr. Buddie J. Penn
- 14. Dr. Kori N. Schake, PhD.
- 15. The Honorable (Dr.) Rajiv J. Shah, M.D.
- 16. Ambassador Dana Shell Smith
- 17. Mr. H. Patrick Swygert, J.D.

Speakers and Presenters

- The Honorable Christopher P. Maier, ASD Special Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict
- 2. BG Gil Ferguson, Deputy Commanding General (Operations)
- 3. LTG Jon Braga, Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Command
- 4. MG John Brennan, Director of Operations, J-3, United States Special Operations Command
- 5. Lt General Timothy D. Haugh, Deputy Commander, U.S. Cyber Command
- 6. RDML Ronald A. Foy, Deputy Director for Global Operations, J-39, J-3, Joint Staff
- 7. Defense Intelligence Agency, China and Cyber Briefers
- 8. National Air and Space Intelligence Center Briefers
- 9. Briefers, National Intelligence Center Office for Foreign Malign Influence

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